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The Honorable Mary Bono
U. S. House of Representative
104 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL:
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Dear Congresswoman Bono:

Rancho California Water District Regional Integrated Resources Plan Project

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supports the authorizations for the Rancho California Water District (RCWD) Regional Integrated Resources Plan Project and supports appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct feasibility studies.

Metropolitan coordinates and partners with its member agencies and retail water agencies in the region on a variety of water issues. An example is a partnership since 1993 with Eastern Municipal Water District and RCWD for a reclamation expansion project with an ultimate yield of 6,000 acre-feet through Metropolitan's Local Projects Program. Development of the RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan Project would provide a number of benefits to the region, including:

- Increasing the beneficial use of available recycled water,
- Preserving treated water for potable uses by shifting agricultural water use to a recycled water distribution system,
- Increasing the sustainability of southern Riverside County's avocado, citrus and wine industries,
- Reducing the possibility of groundwater overdraft condition in southern Riverside County, and
- Managing the quantity of water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River through Metropolitan

Implementation of local water resources projects, including the proposed project being developed by RCWD, is vital to maintain water supply reliability for the Metropolitan service area.

Please accept our thanks for your support. Please contact me if Metropolitan can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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